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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-11, 18-21, 24, 25, are 28-33 are pending in the application. Basis for new claims 31-33 can be found in the originally filed application, including at original claims 7, 17 and 27 respectively. No new matter has been added.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 17 and 27 is acknowledged with appreciation. All of the pending claims recite allowable subject matter.

The objection to the claims on page 2 of the Office Action is obviated by the amendment to the claims set forth above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The prior art rejections are obviated by the amendment to the claims as set forth above to recite allowable subject matter in all of the claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the rejections of record having been addressed, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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